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The
Woodridge Gardens

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GOLDEN RULE SERVICE

Visitors Always Welcome

J. H. KESECKER,

Grower



ORDER EARLY

Early orders are avised. A 25 % deposit will hold order until planting time.

Roots will be sent out about May 15th unless desired earlier.

Prices given are for good, sound, healthy tubers. guaranteed to come up and be true to name. Any failing in these respects will be replaced, or purchase price will be refunded.

We do not sell plants.

OUR OWN INTRODUCTION

We invite special attention to the following seven dahlias of our own introduction and dissemination, all of which are commended with the utmost confidence.

OUR OWN INTRODUCTIONS ARE PROPAGATED FROM TUBERS ONLY, WHICH SHOULD INSURE BEST POSSIBLE STOCK.

JACK CURTIS (Curtis-Kesecker), H. C. 10-12 inches. This wonderful dahlia again won First at all the shows entered in 1927; was awarded sweepstakes prize, a silver cup, and various ribbons, and attracted the crowds at the shows and at our gardens. If you want to win, either for size or for best dahlia, get Jack Curtis. Grows up to eleven and twelve inches across without forcing. We never force. It is a long-season bloomer, and last fall kept up its size and airtight centers until killed by frost November 6th—the longest dahlia season we have ever had! By November first about everything else was throwing open centered flowers, yet Jack Curtis did not show an open center, and the size was running around eight inches.

The color is a very dark, velvety maroon with lighter reverse—one of the richest colors imaginable.

The bush grows a medium height and is crowned with the big flowers from early season until late.

We only propagate these fine dahlias from tubers—no cuttings; hence maximum vitality and strength. Jack Curtis has never stunted.

Only one hundred tubers will be put out this spring and the price per tuber is, net \$15.00

JACKIE BOY (Curtis-Kesecker), D., 8 inches. A brilliant flower of rich, deep, American Beauty Rose. This is our tallest dahlia, growing 9 to 10 feet. The big blooms may be had with stiff, heavy, leafy stems three feet long. Most desirable for decorative purposes and florists' highest grade use, the color, as well as the form, making it so 10.00

MR. Z. D. BLAKISTONE (Kesecker), H. C. 8 inches. This big hybrid cactus is named in honor of the first president of the National Capital Dahlia and Iris Society, one of our leading florists, and a most ardent lover of fine dahlias. It is a clear pink, shading lighter towards the edges; well positioned on a stiff stem. Keeps up its large size from early until late and should prove a valuable acquisition 5.00

MRS. JAMES R. CARMER (Kesecker), H. C. 8 inches. A charming dahlia of rich autumn tints and flushed sunset shades, with dark, coppery center. One of those flowers that shows up so well under artificial light. A clean grower and a free bloomer 2.50

NELLIE CURTIS (Curtis-Kesecker). A very unusual flower of rich burnt orange heavily shaded to a sweet shrub center. The big blooms with petals curved back to the stems suggest great bronzy chrysanthemums 10.00

THE D. A. R. (Kesecker). 7 inches. The D. A. R. is a lively orchid pink with a deeper center. The medium sized fluffy flowers are more suggestive of choice chrysanthemums than dahlias. The strong, wiry, well-foliaged stems carry the flowers in excellent fashion, adapting them most beautifully for cut flower purposes and florists' use. One florist bought all we had last year. Another pronounced it "The finest florist flower in this whole show." The bush grows low and spreading with many base branches, hence many flowers. A limited number of tubers at, net 5.00



UNCLE JIM CARMER (Kesecker). 8 inches. Uncle Jim still holds first place in our gardens as the most intensely brilliant crimson, dazzling the eye with its marvelously rich coloring. The big, deep, heavy blooms stand proudly above the foliage and attract first attention of visitors. The demand for this dahlia at the gardens last year was again so great that we only have a few tubers left. Per tuber 3.00

In conjunction with Mr. M. S. Curtis, of the Mahoning Dahlia Gardens, Youngstown, Ohio, we are expecting to introduce some other very remarkable new creations next year which have been under rigid tests and strict observation for the past two years and which give assurance of unusual merit. Watch for them!

GENERAL COLLECTION

ABBREVIATIONS

C.—Cactus; D.—Decorative; H. C.—Hybrid Cactus; P.—Peony.

PRICES ARE FOR STRONG TUBERS, FULLY GUARANTEED

AL KORAN (D.). Yellow, suffused goldenrod. Very large	\$1.00
AMULET (D.). Rich, deep brown of fine form. Free bloomer	2.50
BALLET GIRL (C.). Orange, tipped white, with variations	1.00
BAZAAR (D.). Most beautiful. Sunset shades, scarlet and gold	1.50
BELVEDERE (D.). Deep, velvety red. One of our darkest	2.00
BEN WILSON (D.). Orange scarlet and gold. Very large	1.00
BLACK JACK (D.-P.). Deep maroon, almost black. Very large and very tall ..	1.50
BLUE LADY (D.). A large flower of bluish lavender shading to white. Fine stem. Fine cut flower	2.00
BON RAY (D.). A "very best" red, of gigantic size. Fine bloomer, fine keeper. Foliage right up to the big crimson flower. Does not sun-bleach. Keeps on the bush for weeks. Stems hard and straight and stiff. One of the finest dahlias ever developed. A prize-winner	3.00
BUTTERCUP (D.). Clear lemon yellow. Very large	1.00
C. HUBER (D.). An unusual begonia red of large size. Stiff hard stems	2.50
CARDINAL (D.). Bright, vivid red on a heavy stem	2.00
CHAMPAGNE (D.). A "highest grade" dahlia in every way. Champagne color toning to a pretty pink center. A well-opened flower on top of a perfect stem. Fine keeper	2.00
CHEMAR'S CHARM (D.). Has the habits of Jersey's Beauty. Salmon pink. Large flowers, facing, on the best of stems	2.50
CHEMAR'S MASTERPIECE (C.). A huge incurved cactus of orchid pink. Extra large flowers, of perfect form, on extra long stem. Ten-inch flowers in abundance	10.00
CHEMAR'S PURITY (D.). Said to be a most perfect decorative seedling from Jersey's Beauty, which it resembles in everything but color. The petals are long and straight, the center excellent, the size immense; stems extra long, holding the flowers high above the bush	10.00
CHEMAR'S QUEEN (D.). A very large, bright yellow. Average 9 inches. The flowers are held perfectly erect	10.00

CHEMAR'S U. S. A. A U. S. A. with a long, stiff stem, holding the large, tight-centered flower in erect fashion. Color like the parent: apricot, suffused buff and gold	10.00
CIGARETTE (H. C.). Creamy white, edged orange, with variations. Large flowers of good substance	1.50
CONCHITA (D.). A most beautiful pink of good size, and a very free bloomer. Fine stems	2.00
CORONA (D.). A miniature decorative of perfect form. Sometimes called the carnation flowered dahlia. Resembles carnations at a little distance. Pure white	50c
DADDY BUTLER (H. C.). A fine hybrid cactus good for cut flowers as well as exhibition. Rosy carmine with lighter reverse, the twisted petals showing both colors	1.50
DARDANELLA (D.). Unusually pretty. Big fluffy flowers of scarlet and gold	1.00
DOCTOR A. L. HOUSE (D.). A rich red of unusual formation and color. Very dark foliage. Very choice	7.50
EARL WILLIAMS (D.). Large flowers of deep formation. Brilliant orange scarlet, each petal splashed white. Unusually showy and desirable. \$1.50, 3 for \$3.00	
EL DORADO (D.). A one-hundred-per-cent. dahlia. Vivid gold deepening and darkening toward the center. Of great substance on long, straight stems. A very free bloomer, and should be in every collection	2.50
EL GRENADA (H. C.). Vivid orange; creamy reverse. Petals twist and turn showing two-color effect. A very free bloomer and a wonderful flower	\$2.50, 3 for 6.00
ELLINOR VANDERVEER (D.). The best pink dahlia we have ever grown, the bloom from earliest fall to late season being of large size and best form. A very free bloomer. Of exquisite beauty and great size. Glowing satiny pink, edged lighter shade. Should be in every fine collection	2.50
EMMA MARIE (D.). A clear pink with cream-white center	2.00
FIRELIGHT (D.). An unusual flower composed of very broad petals of pale yellow, each petal tipped red. Stiff stems. Immense foliage	1.00
FRANCIS LOBDILL (H. C.). Mallow pink, shaded white	1.00
GOLDFINCH (D.). A heavy pale yellow flower on stiff stem .....	.75
HARRY SHELDON, JR. (D.) A big, broad-petaled beauty. Outer portion white, middle lilac blush, center creamy white. Late in season a pure white. Stems not perfect	2.50
HELEN KELLER (P.). A large, handsome rose-pink. Weak stem .....	.75
HERCULES (D.). A giant flower. Tangerine blending yellow. Pendant stem .....	.75
ILLUMINATOR (P.). Bright red. Immense size. Very free .....	.75
ISLAM PATROL (H. C.) One of the prettiest flowers imaginable. Dark, tapestry red, with gold tips. Velvety texture	2.00
J. W. DAVIES (D.). Deep cerise, gradually lightening toward outer edges	1.00



JEAN CHAZOT (C.). Beautiful nasturtium red. Free bloomer. A fine keeper. Very pretty .....	.75
JERSEY'S BEACON (D.). Chinese scarlet. Paler reverse. Very pretty	3.00
JERSEY'S BEAUTY (D.). One of the best dahlias in the world, of erosine pink. The perfect flowers are borne high on unusually long, stiff stems. A most excellent keeper	3.00
JERSEY'S KING (D.). Begonia rose. A heavy, full, flower on a stiff stem	1.00
JESSIE K. PRESCOTT (D.). An unusual flower of deep reddish orange at center, gradually shading to buff at the edge	1.00
JUDGE MAREAN (D.). A fine blending of salmon, red, orange, yellow and buff. An excellent early bloomer .....	.75
JUNIOR (D.). An enormous flower of pure lavender and great beauty. Curved stem	1.50
KATHERINE VALENTINE (D.). Clear salmon, tinted orange buff. Best stems	1.00
MARIPOSA (H. C.). We esteem this one of the world's best dahlias. One of our best bloomers, running from very early summer until frost, keeping up its size. A refined shade of pink, suffused violet	2.00
KITTY DUNLAP (D.). American Beauty color. Fine keeper .....	.75
LOLITA VELASCO (C.). A perfect white cactus of medium size. Plant early	1.00
LOTUS (D.). Always a favorite. An early and a persistent bloomer. Resembles a water lily of orange and buff shades .....	.75
LOUISE SLOCUMB (D.). A medium-sized flower of rich garnet on a good stiff stem	1.00
MARGARET KENNER (C.). One of the handsomest flowers imaginable—clear pink, the extra-long petals standing out in beautiful star fashion. Stems not strong	1.00
MARGARET MASSON (D.). Silvery rose. Wide petals. Hard, stiff stems ...	2.00
MARGARET WOODROW WILSON (D.). Opalescent pink. Extra broad petals. Very large and of excellent form	3.00
MARMION (D.). Of enormous size and depth. Pure, golden yellow with bronzy suffusion. Stiff, cane-like stems. One of our best	7.50
MOORKOP. Miniature Decorative, flowers, 2½ inches. Imported. Unusually pretty. Loose, gardenia-like formation. Blooms of richest velvety crimson imaginable. Excellent for bouquets .....	.50
MR. C. H. DRESSELHUY'S (D.). A delicate shade of rose pink, toning to silver at edge. Most excellent cut flower for florists .....	.50
MR. CROWLEY (D.). Bright, glowing, salmon pink; yellow at base. Stiff stems with foliage right up to flowers .....	.75
MRS. CARL SALSBACK (D.). Mauve pink, on long, stiff stems .....	.50
MRS. E. P. JUDD (D.). Enormous flowers of old rose, overlaid pink. Stems sometimes soft	1.00

MRS. ELEANOR MARTIN (D.). One of the finest decoratives, the blooms all being large, and on the best of stems. A beautiful mulberry, suffused with golden tints. Free bloomer. A handsome bush. Sure to please	2.00
MRS. GEORGE W. ELKINS, JR. (H. C.) A very large, heavy flower of old rose and gold suffused apricot and pink and violet	1.00
OUR COUNTRY (D.). An immense, fantastic flower of purple, tipped snow white, far too heavy for the stems. To close out	1.50
PACIFIC GLOW (P.). Delicate shell pink, tinged rose. An immense flower. Stems not strong .....	.75
PATRICK O MARA (D.). Ripe apricot shaded to a darker center. Perfect flower, perfect stem, perfect habits. Fine keeper .....	.75
PAUL REVERE (D.). Bright crimson. Very large, full and deep	2.00
PIMLICO (D.). An unusually fine development of Mr. E. P. Loller, president of the Baltimore (Md.) Dahlia Society. A first prize winner last year. Buff and orange. A very large and deep flower, held erect on a perfect stem. A profuse bloomer and one of the best	10.00
QUEEN OF THE GARDEN BEAUTIFUL (D.). Truly a giant. Has grown to 12 inches. Lemon, shaded cream, on a straight stem	5.00
RADIO (D.). Another giant growing 9 inches. Blood red, edged yellow. Stiff care-like stems	1.50
RODMAN WANAMAKER (P.). Bronzy salmon pink. Very showy and much admired	2.50
ROLLO BOY (H. C.). Of great size with every flower carried high on a strong stem. Delicate amber shading to yellow	2.00
ROMAN EAGLE (D.). A most handsome flower of brilliant burnished copper. An excellent bouquet sort	3.00
ROSA NELL (D.). An extra large flower of deep rose on an extra long stiff stem	1.00
ROSE FALLON (D.). Rich old gold of perfect form	2.00
SAGAMORE (D.). A big flower of lovely yellow gold, shaded to a darker center. Excellent keeper	2.50
SANHICAN'S MONARCH (D.). Deep, dark tyrian rose, shaded lighter at edges	2.50
SANHICAN'S ROSE (D.). Clear, rose-pink. Rounded, curled petals. A very full flower of rare beauty	1.50
SANHICAN'S RUBY (D.). Bright, ruby red, full of fire .....	.75
SECRETARY WORK (H. C.). Rich old gold of unusual shade. A free bloomer. New	5.00
SENORITA (D.). Bright, poinsettia red. Tufted petals. One of the handsomest flowers we have ever seen	1.50
SHANNON (D.). Orange buff of good size. Fine cut flower. Fine stem. Keeps well	1.00

SHUDOW'S LAVENDER (D.). Always a favorite. Silvery lavender overlaid violet. Flowers carried high on fine stems	2.00
SNOWDRIFT (D.). The whitest dahlia extant. Very large	1.00
SOMERSET (D.). A unique shade of salmon and old rose. Unusual form. Very showy. Fine keeper	2.00
SOROSIS (D.). Deep, rich, red. Dwarf grower, but free bloomer	1.00
ST. FRANCIS (D.). Soft cream, with pink glow. Handsome	1.00
SUN MAID (H. C.). One of our prettiest flowers. Very large, very free. Orange scarlet and gold	3.00
THE BASHFUL GIANT (D.). Straight stiff stems. A giant flower of blush apricot. We have developed a stock of this wonderful flower that carries the blooms on stiff, straight stems, the mammoth blooms facing. Very choice	2.50
THE CUMBERLAND (D.). Deep, velvety red, carried high on perfect stems. Fine cut flowers	2.50
THE EMPEROR (D.). A perfect flower on a perfect stem. Deep maroon. A high grade dahlia	\$1.00, 3 for 2.50
THE WIZARD OF OZ (D.). A big flower of glowing satiny amber pink or soft salmon	1.50
TOMMY ATKINS (D.). Flaming scarlet, full of metallic luster	1.50
TRENTONIAN (D.). Rich, coppery bronze of marvelous brilliancy. Stems stiff as a stick	2.00
VALLEY FORGE (D.). Brilliant fuchsia garnet. Very early and very free	\$1.00, 3 for 2.50
WILLIAM G. (H. C.). A massive bloom running up to eleven inches across. Shade a deep henna. Free bloomer	4.00
WORLD'S BEST WHITE (D.). We still regard this as the best white dahlia ever developed. Big, heavy, broad-petaled flowers on long, stiff stems above most luxuriant foliage. Always in demand as a cut flower, \$2.00, 3 for	5.00
YELLOW DE LUXE (D.). A big, clear canary flower of pretty form on good stems. An abundance of large, perfect blooms. A scarce variety	2.50

DAHLIA COLLECTION

For the convenience of those who are not familiar with dahlias, or who do not care to make selections of varieties, we make up collections of one dozen roots, up, at various prices from \$8.00 per dozen up to \$45.00 per dozen. These collections will catalogue from 25% to 40% more than the prices charged, and will be most certain to please.

Simply remit or state the amount you desire to pay per dozen, asking us to make up a collection accordingly.

Varieties already possessed, if noted, will not be put into the collection.

